

## Strain of Gladness in Walker Benefit at Poli's

To the casual observer, the benefit performance for Six Walker, the crippled stage-hand, at Poli's last evening was not unlike many another benefit performance, and yet it had in it a strain of gladness as well as sadness, and the "milk of human kindness" flowed freely.

True to the traditions of the stage, artists who work hard every day gave cheerfully of the best that was in them to relieve the invalid's distress, and the cream of local talent also responded to the call, presenting a strong array of splendid vaudeville features, to supplement David Belasco's own production of the exquisite Japanese idyl, "Madame Butterfly," with Dorothy Bernard in the title role, under the stage direction of Mr. A. H. Van Buren.

Stephen Girard, the Philadelphia philanthropist, was walking with a friend one day when they came upon a cripple. "I pity that man in his affliction," said the friend.

"How much do you pity him?" inquired Girard. "I pity him a hundred dollars."

The people of the stage, like Girard, practice the "brotherhood of man" as well as preach it.

Never has charity been presented in pleasanter guise, and the public availed itself of the opportunity presented by filling every seat in the big playhouse and overflowing into the section reserved for standees.

To say that the audience was enthusiastic is phrasing it far too mildly—the evening approached an ovation for every number on the bill.

### Belasco Act Features.

David Belasco's tragic masterpiece, "Madame Butterfly," was the piece de resistance of the evening, with Dorothy Bernard as the hapless Japanese maid.

Cho Cho San. She gave an interpretation of the butterfly in which sincerity was not sacrificed to emotionalism, a careful and discriminating performance. The role proved to be one of her most enjoyable achievements. A. H. Van Buren, as Pinkerton, Howard Lang, as Sharpless, Harold Kennedy, as Nakado, Ben Taggart, as Yamadori, and Mabel Kipp, as Suzuki all gave capable support. It has been some time since these pleasing players have been seen to such gratifying advantage.

George H. O'Connor gave his imitable program of "coon" songs, and Donaldson and Miles are comical acrobats. Bessie Warren and Harold Kennedy appeared to advantage in "Putting One Over," and Eugene Desmond revealed an unsuspected voice in "The Sunshine of Your Smile," with the Holt Stringed Orchestra. Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Holt and their tiny tots presented a clever juvenile ballet, "The End of the Rainbow," and these dancers appeared also in a whirlwind number which made a delightful picture.

The Imperial Quartet and Louis B. Thompson rendered several numbers, as did the Nordica Mandolin, Guitar, and Sanjo Orchestra. A large orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Henry Smith, rendered the incidental music of "Madame Butterfly," and accompanied the several acts most effectively.

In addition to those who appeared before the footlights there were many others who helped crown the evening with success. Mr. Belasco came generously to this poor man's need; Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, the First Lady of the Land, lent support to the movement; Mr. A. H. Van Buren worked early and late in the matter; Julia Chandler

handled the publicity work; Mr. Poli donated the use of the theater and its appurtenances, and a hundred and one others in one way or another contributed their mighty mite.

Through the untiring activities of those who devoted their time and attention to the performance, the financial condition of Mr. Walker and his large family is made much easier. It also affords them encouragement to face the future. If you were not able to be there, Mr. A. H. Van Buren, at Poli's, will be pleased to receive your contribution for this worthy cause.

## 75,000 EXPECTED TO MARCH IN PARADE

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precedent significance. The further fact that the parade is to be held on the day of the graduation of the White House, members of Congress and their secretaries, and a host of distinguished men in public life will participate, has brought to the parade a distinction that is possible in no other city in the country.

The fact that women will participate in the parade is adding an additional touch of interest and color, too. The committee headquarters has been advised that numbers of departmental groups of women are planning some novel conceits in patriotic dress. There will be a big contingent in red, white and blue sport suits and hats, and umbrellas of varied color arrangements, all embodying the red, the white, and the blue color scheme.

### Marchers Must Have Flags.

As the parade rules provide that every marcher must carry a flag, it is important that all units should provide themselves early with this essential element to the parade. It is learned on the best of authority that there is no serious shortage in the supply of flags in this country, but it is important that local dealers should be communicated with early in order that adequate supplies can be produced to meet even extraordinary demands.

Great interest is manifested in the meeting of proprietors and managers of retail stores to be held at the Raleigh Hotel, Tuesday night, when arrangements will be made for the formation of a retail merchant's unit. This will be made up of the proprietors, managers and employees of all retail stores in Washington. As an indication of the size of this unit, George S. DeNoble, manager of the firm of S. Kahn, Sons and Co., announced that that firm has 500 employees on its payroll and that at least 600 of that number would probably participate. It is altogether possible that 20,000 persons will take part in this unit of the parade.

Rudolph Kauffmann, treasurer of the preparedness parade committee, is appealing for funds to meet the expenses of the parade. Among the big items to be paid for by the committee are the roping of Pennsylvania avenue, and the erection of a reviewing stand for the President of the United States.

A bill is now before Congress giving the Commissioners of the District of Columbia authority to erect a stand on public space, for the roping of Pennsylvania avenue, and for the stopping of the street cars on that thoroughfare. These matters are in the hands of the subcommittee on law and legislation, of which A. Leftwich Sinclair is chairman.

Isaac Ganz, chairman of the committee on floats, announced yesterday that there were further acquisitions of floats for the parade from the governmental and other units, all of which will be symbolic of the nation and of preparedness.

## CARDINAL TO PRESENT HOLY CROSS DIPLOMAS

Commencement week began for graduates of Holy Cross Academy yesterday morning with the celebration of a solemn pontifical mass at 9 o'clock, followed by the baccalaureate sermon delivered by Rev. Robert Skinner, superior of the Paulist Fathers.

Tomorrow will be concert day, and in the evening the primary department exercises will be held. On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock class night begins, with an elaborate program, including a class history, prophecy, rhythmic movements and other features.

The regular commencement exercises will be held at 12:30 Thursday afternoon. Cardinal Gibbons will preside and present the diplomas and Judge W. DeLacy will deliver an address.

The graduates are Katherine Hughes, Bedford, Pa.; Kathleen Bonner, Tupelo, Miss.; Anna Coady, Georgetown; Anna De Lacy, Chevy Chase; Helen Treu, Bismarck, Ariz.; and Jean McHale, Bristol, Tenn.

## SACRED HEART PARISH PLANS TO JOIN PARADE

Sacred Heart Parish will send a big delegation into the preparedness parade on June 14, according to arrangements made last night at a meeting of the Holy Name Society of the church.

Rev. P. C. Gavan, the pastor, made an appeal to the members of the society to participate in the parade, declaring that it would be a highly patriotic act for the people in the heart of the country to respond to the proclamation of President Wilson on Flag Day.

A resolution was unanimously adopted by the Holy Name Society requesting Father Gavan to call a meeting of the entire parish for Wednesday evening next at 7:30 o'clock, when detailed arrangements will be made. Father Gavan is to make arrangements for strutting flags and J. Preston Shannon, William L. Marsden and G. J. Tucker were named as a committee to obtain a band to head the delegation.

At a meeting of Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians, in Potomac Hall yesterday afternoon, arrangements were made for the division to take part in the preparedness parade.

### Salt Fish Petrified.

Mobile, Ala., June 4.—A petrified fish, presumably a sheepshead, dug from the limestone quarry at Glennon, Ala., has been exhibited here. The rock containing the fish was found following a blast. As the sheepshead is a salt water fish fishermen are wondering how this one happened to be so far from salt water—about sixty miles.

### STOCK MARKET AVERAGES.

SATURDAY'S RANGE			
High.	Low.	Last.	Chg.
23 railroads.....	81.02	80.99	+ .03
23 industrials.....	91.65	91.80	+ .15
20 stocks.....	87.82	87.82	+ .02
DAILY RANGE OF FIFTY STOCKS.			
High.	Low.	Last.	Chg.
June 3.....	87.82	87.82	—
June 1.....	88.17	87.19	— .98
June 1.....	88.29	87.83	— .46
May 31.....	88.46	87.85	— .61
May 29.....	88.23	87.96	— .27
May 27.....	88.18	87.89	— .29
May 25.....	88.76	88.14	— .62
May 23.....	89.14	87.98	— 1.16
May 21.....	88.94	87.84	— 1.10
May 19.....	89.19	87.85	— 1.34
MONTHLY RANGE OF FIFTY STOCKS.			
High.	Low.	Last.	Chg.
1915.....	72.25	87.82	—
1914.....	64.64	87.82	—
1913.....	68.23	87.82	—
1912.....	62.79	87.82	—
YEARLY RANGE OF FIFTY STOCKS.			
High.	Low.	Last.	Chg.
1907.....	51.87	87.82	—
1915.....	72.25	87.82	—
1914.....	73.80	87.82	—
1913.....	73.10	87.82	—
1912.....	62.82	87.82	—
1911.....	54.41	87.82	—

\*To date.

## HOWARD STUDENTS AT CLOSING EXERCISES

Rev. Dr. Charles Richards Addresses Graduating Class at University.

"The Joy of a Masterful Life" was the theme of the baccalaureate sermon delivered by Rev. Charles H. Richards, D. D., of New York City, to the graduating class of Howard University in Andrew Rankin Chapel yesterday afternoon.

Dr. Richards pointed out that every successful life is a process of overcoming difficulties. He cited the case of Helen Keller, who though born without the senses of sight, hearing, taste, or smell, had none the less made a perfect

success of her life by the overcoming of these difficulties.

More than 175 graduates representing all departments of the university attended the service. President S. M. Newman offered prayer and Rev. Isaac Clark, dean of the School of Theology, pronounced the benediction.

This evening there will be graduation exercises of the normal training classes, the academy and the college at 8 o'clock. Tomorrow Mass exercises will be held. The university commencement is set for Wednesday afternoon at 4:30, when Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, will deliver the principal address, and President Newman will confer the degrees.

### Dies During Seat Contest.

Chicago, June 4.—While arguments in the contest for his seat were being made before the national committee in the Coliseum yesterday, A. R. Wood, 70-years-old Republican delegate from Oklahoma, died in Wesley Hospital. His home was in Mulhall, Okla.

## 20 AUTOS IN PRIZE RUN TO ROCK POINT

Winners Will Be Announced Today by Chairman Ward of Board of Judges.

More than twenty cars participated in the sociability run staged yesterday by the Record Auto Company, the automobiles carrying 10 passengers. The run was to Rock Point, Md., fifty-five miles out of Washington.

The first car left the Record shops at Seventh street and Massachusetts avenue northwest at 8:30 o'clock, the others following at intervals of one minute. The cars returned to Washington exactly twelve hours later. Three prizes were offered for the three cars approaching nearest the secret time—announced last

night as two hours and forty-three minutes—for the run to Rock Point and a fourth prize for the car making the trip on the least amount of gasoline.

Harry Ward, chairman of the judges, will announce the decisions today. Among those who participated were August Ledrich, George D. Mitchell, James H. McAllister, Dr. Watson, F. L. Hawley, George A. Berry, Albert E. Detrich, Charles Schlessler, J. F. Hammer, Dr. W. C. Welburn, Miss Mildred Hoge, J. M. Stein, Edward Lawman, J. H. Durand, Walter Leaman, C. N. Thompson, W. R. Ehrmantrout, Mr. Moleneaux, W. F. Cuth, Dr. W. F. Andrew, Louis Hartig, R. W. Woodard and Charles Zanner.

### John R. Rescues "Suff."

Tarrytown, N. J., June 4.—It became known today that when the delegates to the General Federation of Women's Clubs inspected John D. Rockefeller's estate Friday one woman delegate became lost on the grounds. She was found later by Mr. Rockefeller.



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